

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
Ending on August 11, 2006

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Emergency Response, Fleet Tire, Inc., Warren, Michigan

On August 10, 2006, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) James Justice received a call from Warren Michigan Fire Department requesting assistance with a tire fire. OSC P.C. Lall responded to the fire. The tire fire started in a large semi trailer full of tires at Fleet Tire facility in Warren, Michigan. The fire started during the night and had been extinguished. OSC P.C. Lall offered the Fire department haz-mat (hazardous materials) unit guidance on handling the liquid and solid waste generated from the fire. OSC P.C. Lall spoke with a Fleet Tire company official and assessed the aftermath of the fire with him. Fleet Tire contracted a hazard waste contractor to package and haul away waste generated to a licensed disposal facility. The cause of the fire is suspected arson and is being investigated.

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Walk-Through, Continental Steel Superfund Site, Kokomo, Indiana

On August 11, 2006, representatives from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and U.S. EPA met with Congressman Chocoma and the Mayor of Kokomo, Indiana, to announce

a 1 million dollar grant to redevelop the Continental Steel Superfund site. A Community-based Redevelopment Plan, which was produced under Region 5's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) Program, was revised and presented at this event. Following remedial action construction, which is planned for this fall/winter, the local community will benefit from U.S. EPA's reuse program and Congressman Chocoma's grant, and enjoy baseball and soccer fields, an outdoor amphitheater, and walking paths which will wind through naturally-sculpted gardens. A roadway, which includes a turnabout-type intersection, is planned to bisect the site and will alleviate traffic jams during prime travel periods.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Oil Spill PREP Drill, BP Refinery, Toledo, Ohio

On August 2, 2006, On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Jim Augustyn participated in an oil spill drill hosted by the BP Refinery in Toledo, Ohio. The drill was an industry lead Preparedness Response Exercise Program (PREP) and included U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), State responders for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) offices, and local response agencies. The drill was a follow-on exercise from a Port Security Training Program (PortSTEP) security tabletop exercise conducted on August 1, 2006.

The PREP drill involved a terrorist incident at the refinery. The scenario involved the hijacking of a local ferry that was crashed into the BP Refinery's vessel loading dock. The terrorist group exploded a car bomb on the ferry which damages a barge that was docked at the facility, resulting in an oil release to the Maumee River and to Lake Erie.

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